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Health and Human Services, Housing, & Veterans Grant Resource Guide

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About This Guide

This **Health and Human Resources, Housing, & Veterans Grant Resource Guide** is intended to be used in conjunction with our more general **Grant Resource Guide**, which contains information about identifying and applying for federal grants. Each year, 26 federal agencies award federal grants to support community initiatives, research, infrastructure programs, and public interest projects, all relevant to the work and/or goals of that agency. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis or distributed under a formula. The majority of federal grant recipients are state and local government agencies who then distribute funds to smaller entities. The **Grant Resource Guide** includes the following topic areas:

- What is a Federal Grant?
- Finding Grant Opportunities
- Determining Eligibility
- Applying for Grants
- Awarding Grants: The Process
- Additional Resources
- Letters of Support

This **Health and Human Resources, Housing, & Veterans Grant Resource Guide** provides information about federal agencies which offer grants in this field, as well as examples of grants currently offered.

For more information about the grant process, to discuss a letter of support for your grant application, or for any other questions, please contact Shawn Meredith at Shawn.Meredith@mail.house.gov.

Please note: Funding information and application deadlines are subject to change. Potential applicants should regularly check [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and the funding agency's grants webpage for the most up-to-date information.

Federal Agencies and Available Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA utilizes science and public policy to improve economic opportunity in rural areas, promote agricultural production, and preserve natural resources. To achieve this goal, the Department offers an array of funding avenues that assist with projects that bring housing, community facilities, business guarantees, utilities and other services to rural America.

For more information about USDA grants and programs, please visit the USDA page on [grants.gov](https://www.usda.gov/grants.gov) or usda.gov/topics/farming/grants-and-loans

Single Family Housing Direct Home Loans

Also known as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program, this program assists low- and very-low-income applicants obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase an applicant's repayment ability. Payment assistance is a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time. The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Multi-Family Housing Direct Loans

This program assists qualified applicants that cannot obtain commercial credit on terms that will allow them to charge rents that are affordable to low-income tenants, focusing on affordable multi-family rental housing for low-income, elderly, or disabled individuals and families in eligible rural areas.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program

The Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Program assists approved lenders in providing low- and moderate-income households the opportunity to own adequate, modest, decent, safe and sanitary dwellings as their primary residence in eligible rural areas. Eligible applicants may purchase, build, rehabilitate, improve, or relocate a dwelling in an eligible rural area with 100% financing.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants

This program provides grants to qualified organizations to help them carry out local self-help housing construction projects. Grant recipients supervise groups of very-low- and low-income

individuals and families as they construct their own homes in rural areas. The group members provide most of the construction labor on each other's homes, with technical assistance from the organization overseeing the project.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this program provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Farm Labor Housing Direct Loans & Grants

This program assists qualified applicants that cannot obtain commercial credit on terms that will allow them to charge rents that are affordable to low-income tenants, specifically year-round and migrant or seasonal domestic farm laborers. Borrowers must have sufficient qualifications and experience to develop and operate the project.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Rural Housing Site Loans

Rural Housing site loans provide two types of loans to purchase and develop housing sites for low- and moderate-income families: 1) Section 523 loans are used to acquire and develop sites only for housing to be constructed by the Self-Help method; 2) Section 524 loans are made to acquire and develop sites for low- or moderate-income families, with no restriction as to the method of construction. Low-income is defined as between 50-80% of the area median income (AMI); the upper limit for moderate income is 115% of the AMI.

Please click [here](#) for more information

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

HHS is the largest grant-making agency in the United States. Most HHS grants are provided directly to states, territories, tribes, and educational and community organizations, then given to people and organizations who are eligible to receive funding.

For more information about HH grants, please visit the HHS page at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html

Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Capacity Building Center on Safe and Supportive Housing for Domestic Violence Survivors in Tribal Communities (Tribal Safe Housing Center)

Current Grants.gov close date: July 26, 2021

The primary purpose of the Tribal Safe Housing Center is to provide training and technical assistance, in a culturally sensitive and relevant manner, on meeting the housing needs of American Indian/Alaska Native survivors living in tribal communities. The Tribal Safe Housing Center will conduct research and needs assessments on the safe housing needs for survivors of domestic violence in tribal communities, including homeless youth survivors, and support the development of collaboration between service organizations, technical assistance providers, and tribal, federal, state and local governmental organizations to address these identified needs.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities to Improve Health Outcomes

Current Grants.gov close date: August 23, 2021

The Office of Minority Health is offering funding to support state and local collaborative teams in implementing a methodological framework and strategies for assessing and addressing structural racism in health policies, developed through a complementary policy academy initiative. In particular, awardees will: Obtain governmental and public buy-in for engaging in this policy collaborative endeavor; Create a multi-sector team (e.g., comprised of leadership from the governor's/mayor's office and health, behavioral health, child welfare, justice, education, commerce, community service and other agencies, and from community organizations); Conduct a review of existing policies to identify the areas primed for a structural racism assessment; Develop or revise a policy (or policies) to address structural racism and improve health outcomes; Implement the new/revised policy and evaluate its impact on health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities within their jurisdiction; and Create and implement strategies to communicate, sustain and spread policies resulting in improved health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Promoting Resilience and Mental Health Among Health Professional Workforce (PRMHW)

Current Grants.gov close date: August 30, 2021

The purpose of this program is to provide support to entities providing health care, health care providers associations, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), taking into consideration the needs of rural and medically underserved communities, to establish, enhance, or expand evidence informed or evidenced-based programs or protocols to promote resilience, mental health, and wellness among their providers, other personnel, and members, collectively known as the "Health Workforce."

Please click [here](#) for more information

Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training Program

Current Grants.gov close date: August 30, 2021

The purpose of this program is to plan, develop, operate or participate in health professions and nursing training activities using evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies, to reduce and address burnout, suicide, mental health conditions and substance use disorders and promote resiliency among health care students, residents, professionals, paraprofessionals, trainees, public safety officers, and employers of such individuals, collectively known as the “Health Workforce,” in rural and underserved communities.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Teaching Health Center Planning and Development Program

Current Grants.gov close date: August 30, 2021

The purpose of this grant program is to support the development of new accredited primary care residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine-pediatrics, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, and geriatrics to address the physician workforce shortages and challenges faced by rural and underserved communities.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Primary Caregiver Technical Assistance Supplements

Current Grants.gov close date: September 9, 2021

The purpose of this program is to support eligible postdoctoral scientists to maintain high productivity in a National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)-funded laboratory while engaging in primary caregiver responsibilities. This program will provide administrative supplements to existing NIAID research grants to hire a full-time or part-time laboratory technician to work with the postdoctoral scientist on their project. Administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project.

Please click [here](#) for more information

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD awards discretionary funding through over 20 Grant programs that support specific initiatives, including Affordable Housing Development and Preservation, Community and Economic Development, Environment and Energy, Fair Housing, Homelessness, Homeownership, Rental Assistance, and Supportive Housing and Services.

For more information about HUD grants and programs, please visit the HUD page on [grants.gov](#) or [hud.gov/program_offices/spm/qmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps](#)

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

Current Grants.gov close date: July 27, 2021

The purpose of the YHDP is to implement projects that demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth age 24 and under can dramatically reduce youth homelessness. The population to be served by this demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth. In order to effectively implement a system that addresses the needs of youth experiencing homelessness, Continuums of Care (CoCs) must understand the subgroups of unaccompanied youth and incorporate those understandings into the YHDP CCP and awarded projects. This will require CoCs to use innovative practices to design better projects and strong comprehensive plans to prevent and end youth homelessness.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program

Current Grants.gov close date: July 30, 2021

A number of America's low-income veterans with disabilities are in need of adaptive housing to help them regain or maintain their independence. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development intends to address these challenges by awarding competitive grants of up to \$1 million each to nonprofit organizations that provide nationwide or statewide programs that primarily serve veterans and/or low-income individuals. The grants may be used to modify or rehabilitate eligible veterans' primary residences or to provide grantees' affiliates with technical, administrative, and training support in connection with those services.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) American Rescue Plan (

Current Grants.gov close date: August 18, 2021

HUD invites applications from eligible PEI organizations seeking support for fair housing enforcement activities that are connected to or adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Through this funding opportunity, HUD will award grants to Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations (QFHO) and Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations (FHO) to help them continue to advance their mission during the interruption of their operation due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)

Current Grants.gov close date: August 23, 2021

SHOP Grant funds are awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national,

geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) Program

Current Grants.gov close date: September 17, 2021

The ROSS-SC Program is designed to assist residents of Public and Indian Housing make progress towards economic and housing self-sufficiency by removing the educational, professional and health barriers they face. Self-sufficiency is defined as an individual's ability to support their household by maintaining financial, housing, and personal/family stability. To achieve self-sufficiency, an individual moves along a continuum towards economic independence and stability; such movement is facilitated by the achievement of individual educational, professional, and health-related goals. To help residents make progress towards self-sufficiency, HUD provides ROSS-SC grant funding to eligible applicants to hire a Service Coordinator who assesses the needs of Public and Indian housing residents and links them to local training and supportive services that will enable participants to move along the self-sufficiency continuum. In the case of elderly/residents with disabilities, the Service Coordinator also links them to congregate and other supportive services which enable them to age/remain in place in addition to providing other desired training and supportive services which are made available to other residents. Through the ROSS-SC grant, HUD also provides funding for grantees to provide direct services to further support the work of the ROSS-SC and ultimately, the goals of the ROSS program.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice

Current Grants.gov close date: December 31, 2021

The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking; and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Please click [here](#) for more information

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

DOL's stated mission is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities

for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. Through funding opportunities, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems

For more information about DOL grants and programs, please visit the DOL page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants or the DOL page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Stand Down (SD) Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: December 31, 2021

A Stand Down is a non-competitive grant that is awarded to organizations to provide basic services to homeless veterans such as showers, haircuts, attention to health concerns, and other collaborative services to give participants a greater sense of self and an opportunity to improve their chances of securing and maintaining employment. Veterans experiencing homelessness do not always have access to basic hygiene supplies that are necessary to maintain their health and appearance. Also, the lack of shelter limits their ability to prepare for and present themselves at job interviews or be contacted for follow-up. These grants funds must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities or to promote the self-sufficiency of homeless veterans through paid work.

Please click [here](#) for more information

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is offered annually (as funding permits) by the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Programs to fund community agencies providing services to homeless Veterans. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination.

For more information about VA grants, please visit the VA page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or va.gov/housing-assistance/#get-veterans-housing-assistance-grants

Veterans Cemetery Grants

Current Grant.gov close date: July 1, 2022

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Cemetery Grants Program was established in 1978 to complement VA's National Cemetery Administration. The program assists states, territories and federally recognized tribal governments in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used only for the purpose of establishing, expanding or improving Veterans cemeteries that are owned and operated by a state, federally recognized tribal government, or U.S. territory. Aid can be granted only to states, federally recognized tribal government, or U.S. territories. VA cannot provide grants to private organizations, counties, cities or other government agencies.

VA can now provide up to 100 percent of the development cost for an approved project. For establishment of new cemeteries, VA can provide for operating equipment. VA does not provide for acquisition of land. The value of the land cannot be considered as an "allowable cost" under the grant. States, territories and tribal governments are solely responsible for acquisition of the necessary land. Tribal governments cemeteries must be on tribal trust land.

Please click [here](#) for more information

State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program

Proposals accepted on rolling basis

Grants are available to State Governments for construction or renovations of State operated Veterans Extended Care Facilities. VA participation may not exceed 65% of the total project costs. Review governing regulation before submitting an application (38 CFR Part 59). If the state is submitting a new grant application, it must submit a complete initial application (Section A of the project checklist) on Grants.gov by April 15th in order to be eligible for listing on the Priority List for the next fiscal year. Once the complete initial application is retrieved from Grants.gov by Program Staff, the grant applicant will receive 1) an automated notification from Grants.gov confirming receipt by the Program and 2) an email from Program Staff indicating the application's FAI number and corresponding project page in MAX.gov for submission of subsequent items.

Please click [here](#) for more information

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Every year, the EPA awards more than \$4 billion in funding to state and local governments, tribes, universities, nonprofit recipients, and other entities for grants and other assistance agreements to achieve their environmental goals. The EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment is accomplished, in large part, by the awarding of funds to other organizations to conduct environmental program or projects. When the EPA transfers funds for a public purpose, it uses a legal instrument called an assistance agreement, which may be in the form of a grant or cooperative agreement.

For more information about EPA grants, please visit the EPA page on [grants.gov](#) or [epa.gov/grants](#)

Children's Healthy Learning Environments in Low-Income and/or Minority Communities

Current Grants.gov close date: September 10, 2021

The purpose of this Children's Healthy Learning Environments in Low-Income and/or Minority Communities solicitation (RFA) is to provide funds for capacity building activities to address disproportionate children's environmental health harms and risks in school and/or childcare settings in, or that primarily serve, low-income and/or minority communities. This RFA provides funding directly to organizations to support school- and/or childcare center-based capacity

building projects that help school communities understand and address local environmental and public health issues that affect children. Projects must take place in schools and/or childcare centers that are located in minority and/or low-income communities and/or primarily serve student populations that are minority and/or low-income (e.g., Head Start and Early Head Start programs, Title I schools, tribal schools).

Please click [here](#) for more information

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

As one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States, NEH promotes excellence in the humanities and conveys the lessons of history to Americans by awarding grants for top-rated proposals examined by panels of independent, external reviewers.

For information about NEH grants, please visit the NEH page on [grants.gov](#) or [neh.gov/grants](#)

Dialogues on the Experience of War

Current Grants.gov close date: October 14, 2021

The NEH Division of Education Programs is accepting applications for the Dialogues on the Experience of War program, as part of its Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War initiative. The purpose of the program is to support the study and discussion of important humanities sources about war, in the belief that these sources can help U.S. military veterans and others think more deeply about the issues raised by war and military service. Dialogues is designed to reach military veterans; however, men and women in active service, military families, and interested members of the public may also participate.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Additional Resources

Grants.gov Questions?

Contact the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 (TTY: 301-240-6310), via [email](#), or visit the [Grants.gov](#) website.

Beta.SAM

beta.SAM has replaced the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CDFA). It lists all federal grant opportunities and breaks them down by agency and identifier numbers. Like Grants.gov, you can view both ongoing and past grants. You cannot apply for federal grants via beta.SAM; the only place to apply for federal grants is Grants.gov

For more information, please visit: [beta.sam.gov/](#)

Congressional Research Service (CRS)

CRS contains guides to help grant applicants understand and complete their applications. These guides include:

- How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal

- Resources for Grantseekers
- Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer
- Community Development Block Grants and Related Programs: A Primer

For more information, please visit: crs.gov/

A-Z Index of U.S. Departments and Agencies

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency's Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives.

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/federal-agencies/a

Government Benefits, Grants, and Loans

Includes contracting with the U.S. government, international trade and exporting, and small business. See also financial assistance links at the Small Business Administration website: sba.gov/funding-programs/grants

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans

Student Aid (via Dept. of Education)

Information on funding education beyond high school, including grants, loans, and work-study assistance to qualified students.

For more information, please visit: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

Benefits.gov (via Dept. of Labor)

Includes information on over 1,000 government assistance programs, and how to apply. Covers direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services.

For more information, please visit: benefits.gov/

FTC Consumer Alert (via Federal Trade Commission)

The FTC Consumer Alert warns consumers to beware of paying "processing fees" for information that is available free to the public. Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, unpaid bills, or other personal expenses are often a scam.

For more information, please visit: ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm

OMB Grants Management Web Site (via Office of Management and Budget)

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in *Catalog* program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

For more information, please visit: whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/

Representative Spanberger's Office

If your organization needs our office's assistance or would like to request a letter of support for your grant proposal, please contact our Grants Coordinator, Shawn Meredith, at shawn.meredith@mail.house.gov.

